for these projects is expected to be 40 million US Dollars during the initial 7 year. The foreign equity investment will initially be 1 lakh US dollars to be increased to 20 millions US Dollars over initial 7 years. The approval is subject to the conditions that no dividend will be repatriated during the first 7 years of operation.

(c) The menu indicated by M/s. McDonald' in the proposal include burgers and sandwich, french fried potatoes, fish & chicken producing chicken nuggets, milk shakes, apple pies, sundaes, cookies, soft drinks and other beverages.

(d) The restaurants are to operate within the framework of Indian Laws. The proposal does not envisage setting up of abbattoirs.

(e) The rationale for permitting such companies to operate in the country, *inter-alia*, includes attracting foreign investment, employment generation, bringing in better systems for distribution and transportation, upgradation of standards of its suppliers serving Indian tourism industry etc.

Processing of Grapes in Punjab

1647. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of grapes in Punjab;

(b) whether there is any proposal to process them to value added products; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As per information available, the production of grapes in Punjab in 1989-90 was 56,430 MT which rose to 60426 MT in 1991-92.

(b) and (c) Three Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of grape-based value added products' industries in Punjab.

Licences/Permit for adding value of Agri-Produce Items

1648. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have been liberated from the obligation of licence or permit for adding value of their agri-produce in the liberlised atmosphere;

(b) if not, whether farmers are being debarred from adding value to their sugarcane by closed vacuum system, their paddy production by extracting rice of their paddy produce to their cotton production by yarn etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the details of other crops to which farmers are not allowed to add value freely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Certain permits/licences are necessary for value addition to some agri-produce.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, subject to the requirement of obtaining permit/licence as required under the relevant laws.

Use of Quinacrine in Producing Sterility

1649. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some gynaecological researches conducted in India, USA and other countries have suggested that QUINACRINE, which is being used in several countries for treatment of intestinal disorders, can affectively produce sterility in women and substitute for conventional tubectomy which requires surgery;